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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, before line 1, insert and center the heading --TITLE OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 1, line 2, please amend the heading as follows: "CROSS-REFERENCE TO ALL RELATED APPLICATIONS".

At page 1, line 13, please delete the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD", and insert and center the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--, then on the following line insert the subheading --(1) Field of the Invention--.

At page 1, line 16, delete the heading "BACKGROUND" and insert the subheading --(2) Description of the Related Art--.

At page 3, between lines 19 and 20, please insert the heading --BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--, then insert the following paragraphs:

-- An aspect of the invention provides a method in a computer system for distributing user information for registered users from the computer system to collection kiosks. The method comprises providing user information for registered users, the user information comprising medical information specific to the registered users, receiving updates to the user information, and generating update user information. The method further comprises, for each

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of the collection kiosks, receiving a request from the collection kiosk for the generated update user information, sending to the requesting collection kiosk the update user information, and storing the update user information at the requesting collection kiosk for subsequent requests, wherein the collection kiosks use the update user information to verify whether a user is registered.

Another aspect of the invention provides a method in a collection kiosk for retrieving updated user information. The method comprises providing user information for registered users, the user information comprising medical information specific to the registered users, sending a request for updated user information, in response to sending the request, receiving the updated user information; updating the provided user information for the registered user in accordance with the received updated user information so that the collection kiosk can verify whether a user of the collection kiosk is registered, and storing the updated user information at the collection kiosk for subsequent requests.

According to still another aspect of the invention, an information collection system is provided, the information collection system comprising a central computer system for a web site and a plurality of collection kiosks. The central computer system provides a repository for the information, registers users of the web site, and accesses the information. The collection kiosks allow for collecting information about users, for verifying whether a user is registered at the web site, and for sending the collected information to the central computer system when the user is registered.

In accordance with another aspect of the invention, a computer-based method for collecting medical information of users of a web site is provided. The method comprises

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registering the users at the web site when information about a user is collected at one of a plurality of collection kiosks, determining whether the user is registered at the website, and when registered, sending the collected information to a computer system so that the collected information is accessible to the user through the web site.--

At page 3, line 20, please amend the heading as follows: "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS".

At page 4, line 14, please amend the heading as follows: "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION".